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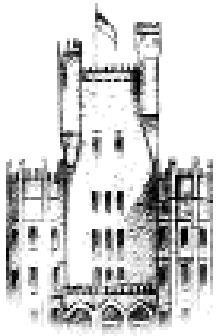
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Drawing a full house?

Spike in applications for fall may crowd residence halls

By Melissa Nielsen
Campus editor

An increase in housing applications may cause some changes in residence housing for fall semester.

The number of housing applications as of April has increased by 770 compared with last fall semester's housing applications, said Kelly Miller, assistant housing director.

Lou Hencken, interim university president, said the increase directly correlates to an increase incoming freshman, but transfer student numbers are up as well.

Miller said that while student housing renewals have not fluctuated significantly, the incoming freshman increase is enough to induce housing changes.

"We have quite a few vacancies in every dorm we can fill," she said.

The housing office may use more suites in Lawson, Andrew, Taylor and Thomas halls where three or four students may live together in the lounges at the end of the hallways.

"We are anticipating to use suites if by July and August our numbers hold true," she said.

The university also anticipates it will cut down on the number of singles available. This year, over 700 students received single rooms, but the number is expected to drop, said Miller.

Seniors and juniors will still be guaranteed single rooms upon request, but as housing fills up, sophomores who requested singles may be assigned a roommate.

"At this point, anyone who has requested single has one but it was not guaranteed to sophomores and we notified them," she said.

Because most incoming fresh-

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Kelly Miller
assistant housing director

men request to live in Carman, Miller said she expects the building to be close to its capacity of 650 to 700 people. Last fall, 632 people lived in Carman.

"Carman was pretty full in fall," she said. "We'll probably have most spaces in Carman filled (for next year)."

Miller said she plans on exhausting all other housing options before turning Carman lounges into suites and does not expect numbers will get high enough to have to use lounges in Carman.

"I don't see that we will have to turn away anyone with the overflow space," she said.

Investigation probes five state agencies in labor negotiation

By Joseph Ryan
Senior reporter

Another state agency said it has testified before a grand jury for a federal investigation into Eastern's negotiations with one of its unions.

The director of the State University Civil Service System testified earlier this month before a grand jury that has subpoenaed information related to last year's contract negotiations between Eastern and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 399, said Clyde Follmer of Follmer Law Office in Urbana, which represents the civil service system.

Follmer said the civil service system, which enforces civil service employee regulations at state universities, had interactions with both the union and Eastern during the year-long negotiations. He said the grand jury wanted information regarding the SUCSS's involvement in the negotiations.

The system's director, Walter Ingerski, testified before the grand jury on April 5, the same day Follmer said members of the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board testified.

Keith Sanders, executive director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, and Ross Hodel, the IBHE's legislative liaison, where scheduled to testify before the grand jury regarding the same issue on April 5 as well. The date, however, was postponed, Don Sevener, IBHE spokesman, has said.

The federal investigation has also subpoenaed information regarding the negotiations from the Illinois Department of Labor, House Speaker Michael Madigan, Eastern and the union.

It is still unclear exactly what the investigation is looking for, but the subpoenas served to Eastern and the IBHE request information about the negotiations, faxes from the IDOL about prevailing wage rates, a meeting coordinated by Madigan between Eastern and the union and anything that ties "actions or proposed actions" by state officials about Eastern's funding to the contract negotiations.

Madigan has said he held two meetings, at the urging of the union, a large contributor to his campaigns, between Eastern and Local 399 in the spring of 2001 to try and get the parties to settle the contract. He has denied pressuring Eastern to settle the contract to the benefit of the union.

University administrators refused to comment on whether Madigan pressured the university about the negotiations because of the "on-going investigation." However, Rep. Dale Righter, R-Mattoon, has said the university

Federal subpoenas in labor negotiation

- Illinois Board of Higher Education: Keith Sanders, executive director; Ross Hodel, legislative liaison
- Illinois Department of Labor
- Illinois Education Labor Relations Board
- State University Civil Service System: Walter Ingerski, director
- The International Union of Operating Engineers Local 399
- Eastern

was a "little surprised" and a "little concerned" about Madigan's involvement.

In addition, documents attached to Eastern's and the IBHE's subpoenas show the IDOL sent the university a fax in late May, which stated the prevailing wage for "building operating engineers" and "building operating engineers/stationary" as \$29.79 base pay, per hour.

But, Mark Hurley, spokesman for the IDOL, said the base pay for operating engineers in Coles County is listed as \$24.10. He wouldn't comment on the discrepancy between the IDOL's fax and his listing because of the federal investigation.

Robert Wayland, Eastern's director of employee and labor relations, said the union was pushing Eastern to pay a prevailing wage rate for operating engineers. However, the union members, which account for 10 Steam Plant employees, are considered "stationary engineers" by the university, a title designated for operators of high- and low-pressure boilers, air conditioning units and heaters.

Building operating engineers work on all of a building's furnishings, fixtures and equipment, according to the State University Civil Service System's classifications.

The employees were receiving \$21.76 base pay, per hour. Wayland

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- Coleman Hall

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Pulling the plug on poor drainage

University planning to dry up North Quad this summer

By Melissa Nielsen
Campus editor

A drainage problem causing puddles in the North Quad will be fixed as the weather warms and heavy construction equipment moves out of the quad.

Heavy equipment used during the construction of the University Food Court to install new windows, to enclose the north patio and the to build the addition of the mechanical equipment room along the west side of the food court, has torn up the landscape in the North Quad, said Carol Strode, director of Facilities Planning and Management.

The equipment has torn out grass in the area and caused deep tracks that have stopped rain water from naturally seeping into the ground, Strode said.

Without the grass, water pours out onto walkways in the quad, especially north of the food court and west of the Student Services building.

To fix the problem, Strode said new drainage pipes will be added in May to take the excess water that does not soak into the ground more quickly and new sidewalks will be installed in the North Quad.

The work cannot start until May after the major pieces of equipment that are causing the problem are no longer needed for construction. Then, the ground



Mandy Marshall/Senior photographer

Dick Williams, a pipe fitter, is holding a lifeline connected to Ed Kistner, who is installing a pump to keep a manhole dry of drain water that will pump to the sewer, Monday afternoon just outside the Food Court.

can be prepared, graded and seeded. Straw will be applied so grass can grow and water can soak in naturally.

The work will progress as weather permits through the summer months.

The university is hoping to complete the project by the fall

semester, Strode said.

The estimated the cost to improve drainage and replace sidewalks in the most problematic areas throughout campus is more than \$100,000, Strode said.

Funds for the project will be taken from a deferred maintenance fund, she said.

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Andy Morisseau, a junior history major, prepares to release his shot in bocci ball as Christopher Scorzo, a senior history major, and Ed Empleo, a junior computer information sciences major, look on with anticipation for their turn, Tuesday afternoon in the Library Quad.

Colin McAuliffe/Photo editor

MTEA holds conference
Chicago Golden Apple Award winner deliver speech

By Caitlin Prendergast
Activities editor

The 8th annual Minority Teacher Education Association Conference will be begin at 8:30 a.m. Friday in the Grand Ballroom at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The MTEA conference will commence with greetings from Eastern dignitaries such as interim President Lou Hencken and Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, a press release stated.

Rosa Brown, an educator with the Chicago School District for 40 years and the keynote speaker for the conference, will address attendees and hold a workshop for educators at 9:30 a.m. in the Kansas room of the Union.

“Ms. Brown has all of the primary areas of expertise,” said

Judith Lyles, a professor in the department of counseling and student development. Brown is a Golden Apple recipient and coordinator for language arts for Chicago area schools, as well as a renowned poet. “I think she’ll be very entertaining as well as informative,” Lyles said. “She’s a motivational speaker.” Lyles will present a cultural diversity workshop for educators and college students during the afternoon sessions in the Kansas room of the Union. “My workshop will be a time to get together and share ideas about successes and their local MTEA chapters,” she said. At least six to 10 MTEA students and graduates will deliver motivating speeches about their

experiences as teachers and educators from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Mattoon/Charleston, Arcola/Tuscola and Paris rooms of the Union, the press release stated. The press release also stated that the purpose of MTEA is to recruit and retain minority students into education as a career goal. The network reduces barriers for minority students entering teacher education teacher education programs throughout Illinois. Lyles encourages anyone in education to attend the conference — teachers and students. Registration fee to attend the conference is \$25 for professionals, which includes lunch and all of the sessions. Students wanting to attend the opening session or a single afternoon session may register as a walk-in for \$3.

Dining halls party on

By Kelly Manning
Staff writer

Dining services is holding their annual picnic Wenesday at the campus pond and the pavilion across from Fourth Street from 4 to 7p.m. The picnic will have a disc jockey, food, special events, prizes and games. Students can participate in the cookie walk, spin the wheel and a cereal contest for a chance to win prizes. Prizes include t-shirts, prize packs, mugs, and one lucky winner will take home a bike from General Mills, said Sheila Epperson, assistant director at Taylor Dining Hall. “We like to do something special for the students to show them Panther Dining cares,” Epperson said.

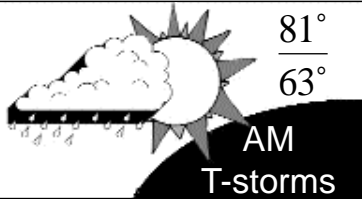
Hot dogs, brats, chips, vegetable trays, cookies, soda and apples will be served. There will also be an ice cream vendor, Epperson said. “Students should come out. There will be fun, food, and it beats the monotony they have had all year. It is like a pre-exam stress breaker,” Epperson said. “Everything we do is for the students.” Students and the public are welcome to this event and may use their Panther Card, dining dollars or cash. All dining centers will be closed for the picnic. The food court and Carman’s store will stay open, as well as late night pizza at Thomas Hall. “This event goes on every year, since the 13 years I have been here, as long as the weather permits,” Epperson said.

Fire alarm stalls Booth

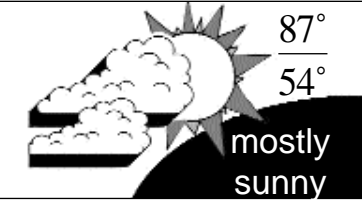
A fire alarm in Booth Library malfunctioned around 6:30 p.m.; evacuating everyone in the library. Electricians were called to the scene immediately to find the source of the problem and people were allowed back in at 7:30, said David Bell, a reference librarian. Bell said the library suspected it was a malfunction and not a fire, but no one could be allowed back into the building for safety reasons. “(We had to) ensure a functional fire alarm system while people were in the building,” he said. Though there could be many possibilities for the malfunction, Bell said electricians suspect that because the system is so new a censor in the building probably went off. The fire alarm system was part of the library renovations.

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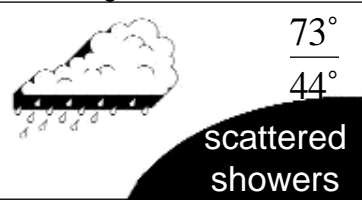
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police blotter

Criminal damage to property

■ The rear window of a 1992 Pontiac was broken out while it was parked in the “J” lot on Sunday, a police report stated.The incident is under investigation. Brant W. Winnie, 22, of the 1800 block of Ninth St., was arrested at 12:46 a.m. Saturday in the Martin Luther King Jr. Union parking lot on the charge of criminal damage to property, a police report stated.

Hit and run

■ A Chevrolet was struck by another vehicle while it was parked in a University Court parking lot on the EIU campus on Tuesday. The incident is under investigation.

■ A 1998 Chevrolet was struck by another vehicle while it was parked in the LSD parking lot on Sunday, a police report stated. The incident is under investigation.

Criminal damage to motor vehicle

■ The driver side mirror was broken off a 1994 Chevrolet truck while is was parked in a Greek Court lot on Sunday, a police report stated. The incident is being investigated.

City Council OKs water bill hike

By Maura Possley
City editor

Eastern will pay an estimated extra \$20,000 next year to meet the city's increase in water rates.

At Tuesday's City Council Meeting, a 2 percent increase in water rates was passed, coupled with a 50-cent increase in bulk water rates.

Eastern's bill is currently \$980,000 and to match the increase funding will come from state appropriated dollars as well as bond revenue money, Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs, had said.

This increase will hurt Eastern's budget, but efforts to conserve water on campus will prevail.

Also passed at the meeting was the city's budget for fiscal year 2002-2003 which includes more than a \$1 million cut in funds for streets while water treatment is gaining more than \$8 million dollars in funding.

In addition, expenses on health

insurance funds for city employees increased by \$46,000.

The city's softball program can now anticipate the long-awaited new softball diamonds with the donation of six acres of property by the Cole Family, which will now be called "Neco Fields."

"We've been trying to do this facility for three to four years," Mayor Dan Cougill said.

To aid funding for the upcoming Cal Ripken World Series in Mattoon this summer, the council passed an expenditure of \$2,000 for tourism funds for the series that will be held August 17 to 25.

"We're trying to create a friendship between Charleston and Mattoon," Cougill said.

In preparation to construct a new water treatment plant, the council passed a bid for the removal of the old treatment plant for \$101 to Jim Ealy of Ashmore. The temporary location will be in a city garage, which will be expanded in order to fit all workers until construction is finished.

McNamara's friends deal with extended trial date

By Melissa Nielsen
Campus editor

The news of a delay of the trial of Anthony Mertz, the former Eastern student charged in the murder of Shannon McNamara left some of McNamara's friends disappointed at the lack of a speedy trial, but were glad it would not transpire over the summer.

Mertz has been charged in the June 12 murder of McNamara, an Eastern student and Alpha Phi Sorority member. He was originally set to stand trial Jan. 22, but a judge ruled Monday that the trial will be delayed to Oct. 7 at the defense's request so they can better prepare for trial.

Michelle Wroplewski, a senior elementary education major and Alpha Phi member, said she felt a speedier trial would help bring closure to many of McNamara's friends and family.

"I think it would really help to get it over with," Wroplewski said.

"Everyone is hoping for a speedy trial."

Suzi Kunkel, a sophomore health studies major and Alpha Phi member, said she was bothered the first time the trial was delayed in January. However, she thought this delay would be better for students and members of McNamara's sorority because more people would be able to attend and follow the trial than if it was during summer.

"I'd rather it was done already, but now more people can be here for it," Kunkel said.

Katie Nerroth, a senior mathematics major, said that though she also wants a speedy trial, she wants to see the trial done properly the first time. She said that she felt it must be hard for the family to continue to wait, but she understood that the delay was a precaution to make sure the trial was not prolonged.

"I'd rather see it get done right," she said.

Christi Fierra, a senior psychology major and Alpha Phi member,

““ I think it would really help to get it over with. everyone is hoping for a speedy trial. ””

Mary Wroplewski, McNamara's Alpha Phi sorority sister

said the faster family and friends get closure to the incident, the sooner people can start healing.

"This completely needs closure as so does everyone here," said Fierra.

Fierra is graduating in May and said will continue to follow the trial from home just as avidly as she would if she was still attending Eastern.

The trial is "taking a toll" on those involved and the faster a verdict is decided, guilty or not, the better for everyone involved, she said.

Retiring professors honored at Tarble reception

Mary Carnevale
Staff writer

Eastern staff and faculty, members of the faculty union and the Faculty Senate gathered in the Tarble Arts Center on Tuesday for the annual Faculty Retirement Banquet.

According to Bonnie Irwin, secretary of the faculty union and co-organizer of the event, 11 faculty members who are retiring are receiving certificates of appreciation for their years as teachers at Eastern.

"It's just a way of celebrating faculty who have given so many years of service," Irwin said.

Bud Fischer, the chair of the faculty senate, and David Radavich, the faculty union chapter president, also worked

together in organizing this year's retirement banquet. This is the second year the faculty union and faculty senate collaborated to plan the event.

Teachers from all different departments including political science and English were being honored for their years of teaching and dedication to Eastern and the students.

Carol Helwig is retiring after 33 years at Eastern. She has been the chair of early childhood, elementary and middle level education for 13 years. Helwig is also a teacher in the elementary education program.

After her retirement, she plans on doing many things.

"I plan on doing all of the things I haven't had time to do," Helwig said.

Some of these include traveling, reading, visiting with friends, organizing her house and maintaining some organized professions.

Richard Hummel is another faculty member that is being honored this year as he retires after 32 and a half years on staff. He worked in the sociology and anthropology departments.

Hummel joked that his wife has many jobs lined up for him to complete after his retirement, but he still plans to keep up some of his hobbies.

Hummel said he still has research that he's interested in continuing, and he plans to visit his grandchildren in Florida. He is also a collector of antique furniture and books and plans to build upon that.



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Ron Wohlstein, a sociology professor for 32 years congratulates George Sanders, a music professor for 38 yesars, who will be retiring, Tuesday afternoon, in the Tarble Fine Arts Center.

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Consistency of degrees

A college degree certifies that it's holder has a well-rounded education and expertise in a certain area. All of Eastern's degree programs are structured as such, arming students with a thorough knowledge of their subject area and providing them with a strong general education curriculum.

The Council on Academic Affairs voted Thursday to apply these standards to Eastern's Board of Trustees degree program, a bachelor's program for adult students with a partial college education. The decision strengthens the BOT degree program, which in turn will strengthen the degree and the students receiving it.

However, the CAA may have been acting outside of its jurisdiction since it approved a change to a program it had never approved, because the BOT program was originally part of the Board of Governors University System. Despite concern from two CAA members, the change was still accepted.

Among the new requirements are six semester hours of communications and languages courses. Similarly, any student completing a regular bachelor's degree at Eastern must take nine hours in this area, regardless of major. These requirements build writing and speaking ability, skills that are applicable to any career.

The changes also require BOT students to take a senior seminar, which is also a graduation requirement for all other students. Students in the BOT program also are now required to take more of their classes at Eastern.

Besides creating more structure and order to the program with these steps, the CAA brought the program in line with other degree programs at Eastern. The closer the BOT program is to a regular bachelor's degree program, the more a BOT degree is like a standard Eastern degree.

The more consistent the various degree programs Eastern offers, the better the reputation of a bachelor's from Eastern, including the BOT degree.

BOT students ought to be provided with the same general education and take many Eastern courses so that the strength of their degree is the same as that of a traditional bachelor's. This will make the program a more viable and attractive option for adult students returning to college.

■ The editorial is the majority opinion of *The Daily Eastern News* editorial board.

Today's quote

“You don't hold your own in the world by standing on guard, but by attacking and getting well hammered yourself.”

George Bernard Shaw,
1856-1950

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Funding for RSOs would be beneficial

Eastern is unique in many ways. The first Jimmy John's opened here. We're one of the only schools to have a textbook rental program. John Malkovich went here for awhile, until he transferred.

Eastern is also one of the only, if not the only, university in the country that does not sponsor its student organizations. What University of Alaska does, what Bob Jones University does, what Southern Illinois University does, Eastern does not.

Instead, what Recognized Student Organizations at Eastern do receive is a number of small, fairly insignificant benefits, including a mailbox, the right to request the university to print mailing labels for the group, and the right to request university facilities for events. Registering groups with the Student Life Office also creates a central place for students to find information on the various RSOs on campus.

While these little perks are nice, the administration and Student Government are ignoring a prime opportunity to improve campus life. Our Student Government, in particular, has been looking for more non-alcoholic activities for Eastern students. What better way to promote alternatives to bars than to allow students who are obviously interested and excited about something, be it astronomy, politics or karaoke, the chance to stage programs and events that would otherwise be financially out of reach?

The point of funding RSOs is not to give student groups a free ride on student fee money, but rather to give these groups the opportunity to help the Eastern community as a whole in a way they cannot currently achieve because of financial limitations.

Take the recently passed concert fee. In recent years, the University Board was forced to only stage concerts that could come close to paying for themselves. As a result, UB shows were made up of mostly mediocre entertainment. But now that the new concert fee lifts the UB's restriction on breaking even, rumors of R.E.M. and Blink-182 coming to campus are breaking out faster than acne on a 15-year-old, and students are genuinely excited about next year's Parent's Weekend for the first time in recent memory.

Even with limited funding given to RSOs, there likely would be a similar rise in the number and quality of events, as



Jeremy Pelzer
Guest columnist

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well as a corresponding jump in enthusiasm. Habitat for Humanity could build more houses. The Japanese Animation Society could show more movies with giant robots and really bad animation. The possibilities are enormous.

In addition, RSO funding would be especially helpful for smaller, less popular RSOs. For example, the Society of Metaphysical Advancement, a

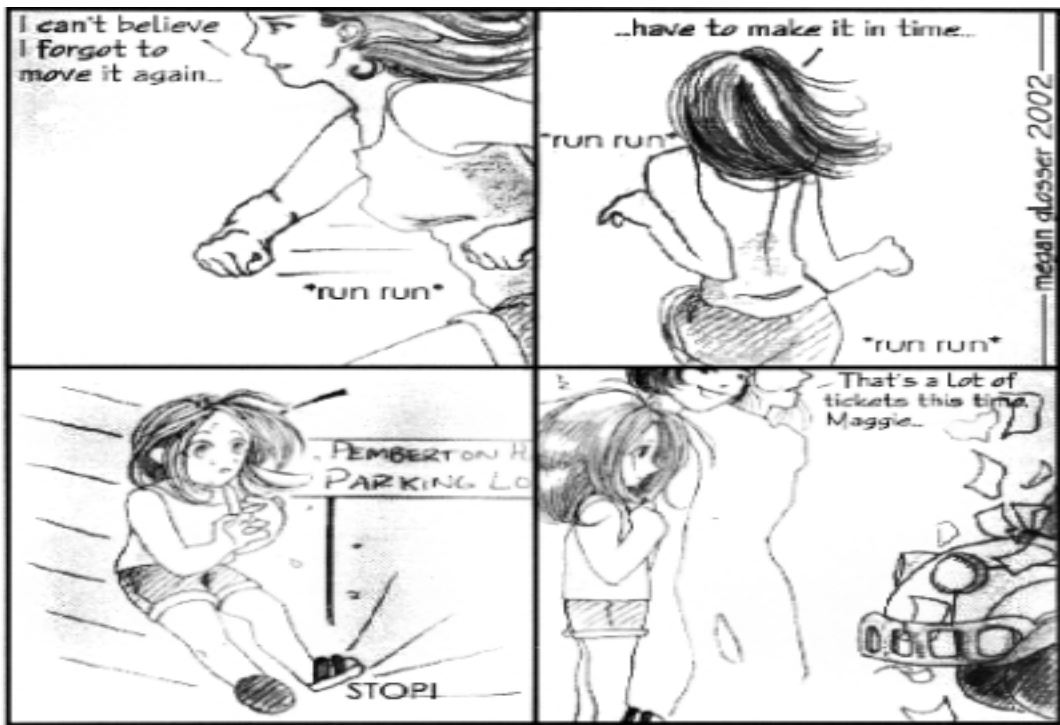
pagan group, is unfairly seen by many as an RSO made up of witches and Satanists. Because of SOMA's low membership, they can't afford to stage events that would help to buck their “witch” label; and because they can't afford to buck this label, it's hard to attract new members, and therefore funding. This is a problem that could easily be solved with some university funding.

SOMA's troubles with finding funding, though, are also an example of the main problem with RSO funding – students' fees may go to groups they don't like. In 1996, a University of Wisconsin student sued his university, claiming he was being forced to support left-wing groups that he disagreed with ideologically. Four years later, the case reached the Supreme Court, which ruled that while a university can legally fund student groups with student fees, the distribution system needed to be “viewpoint-neutral.”

In the wake of the Wisconsin ruling, Eastern's administration and Student Government has been hesitant to create a RSO funding system, since a student might attack it as not being “viewpoint-neutral”, and sue. However, judging by the lack of lawsuits at most other schools that have funding programs, it is certainly not impossible to find a system that satisfies students. Besides, unlike politically-charged Wisconsin, the vast majority of Eastern's RSOs are not politically oriented at all. Who would sue over funding the History Club?

The Student Senate and the administration should at least make an honest attempt to work with the student body to find a way to fund RSOs. But then again, why should the senate or the administration care about this? After all, all of the events they stage are already funded with our student fees.

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Abstinence is better form of birth control

May the deep love of our Lord bring true joy to you during this Easter season. It is amazing that companies have enough money to spend over \$1,000 a day on a newspaper ad.

I am very saddened to read that the “Depo-Provera” contraceptive injection has life-threatening risks. For example, the ad states, “women who use hormone-based contraceptives may have an increased risk of blood clots or

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Letters to the editor

stroke. Also, if a contraceptive fails, there is possibility that the fertilized egg will begin to develop outside the uterus (ectopic pregnancy).”

With these risks and 23 possible side effects, I cannot help but think that the only way to prevent a person from “accidentally” getting pregnant is

abstinence, which is 100 percent effective. However, it does have many side effects; for example, high self esteem, greater availability to love others and no apologies the next morning.

Please be aware that I sent an original copy of this text to the company via fax. The idea of abstinence may be a bit too radical and daring for this company, but I do not think it is too radical for our students.

Fr. Chris Brey
Chaplain at the Newman Center



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What scares you?

Phobias: An often misunderstood, but very real phenomena

By Alta King
Features editor

There's a spider on your shoulder. No, your left shoulder. Maybe it slipped down your shirt...

Okay, relax. Almost anyone would react to a spider on their body by gasping, jumping, and brushing off their clothes, then going on through the day without thinking about the spider.

However, some may be so frightened by the idea of a spider crawling on their shoulders that they may choose to stay inside for the day, even if they have to work, or they may continuously think about a spider crawling on them, causing them to have an anxiety-filled day.

The "Mental Health Disorders Sourcebook" defines phobias as an anxiety so serious it interferes with their work, leads them to avoid certain situations or keeps them from enjoying life.

Phobias afflict 12 percent of Americans, and are the most common psychiatric illness in women and the second most common in men over 25 years of age. Agoraphobia causes people to suffer anxiety about being in places or situations from which it might be difficult or embarrassing to escape.

Two common places where agoraphobia is experienced are in an elevator or a room full of people. People suffering from agoraphobia may have panic attacks, and in extreme cases, they may not wish to leave their houses, the sourcebook said.

According to the sourcebook, there are three categories of phobias.

Simple phobias are intense fears of particular objects or situations that are relatively safe. People who suffer from specific phobias know their fear is irrational, but the thought of facing the object or situation brings on panic attacks or severe anxiety.

Specific phobias usually begin in adolescence or adulthood. When children have specific

phobias (for example, fear of dogs or fear of insects), the fears normally disappear over time.

Social phobias can produce fear of being

Other common phobias are nyctophobia, a fear of the dark, and ochlophobia is the fear of crowds, from the Greek words for night and crowd respectively.

Another well-known phobia is hydrophobia, the fear of water.

People who think they have phobias are recommended

diagnosis and reassurance that the symptoms are not being caused by other conditions.

Depending on the severity of the phobia, Boyd said he has a variety of treatments. In severe cases, Boyd refers patients to their family doctors or psychiatrists. He also recommends the medications Paxil and Zoloft to people with serious phobias.

For milder cases, Boyd teaches coping skills to help patients come to grips with their fears. The objective is to desensitize effects phobias have on the patients.

Boyd also recommends reading books on overcoming phobias.

"Two good books I normally recommend are 'From Panic to Power' and 'Hope and Health for Your Nerves,'" Boyd said.

If someone is nervous about a dentist appointment or the first day of school or a new job, the person isn't suffering from a phobia. Sweaty palms, a pounding heart and feeling shaky are normal reactions to those anxious situations.

humiliated or embarrassed in front of other people. This may be related to feelings of inferiority and low self-esteem, and can drive a person to drop out of school, avoid making friends and remain unemployed. Social phobia is often linked to shyness, although it is different than just being shy.

People suffering from social phobia may exhibit the following characteristics: find blushing painfully embarrassing, feel that all eyes are on them, fear speaking in public, fear dating or talking with people in authority, fear using public restrooms and eating out and fear talking on the phone or writing in front of others.

Psychologist Jerry Boyd from Charleston treats patients with phobias. He said agoraphobia is the most common type of phobia he works with.

Boyd also sees patients with specific phobias. "I treat people who have specific fears, such as the fear of flying or the fear of other specific activities," Boyd said.

He doesn't normally see patients who have fears of objects or events they can avoid.

"Agoraphobia is something that can't be avoided, whereas one afraid of spiders can avoid spiders," Boyd said.

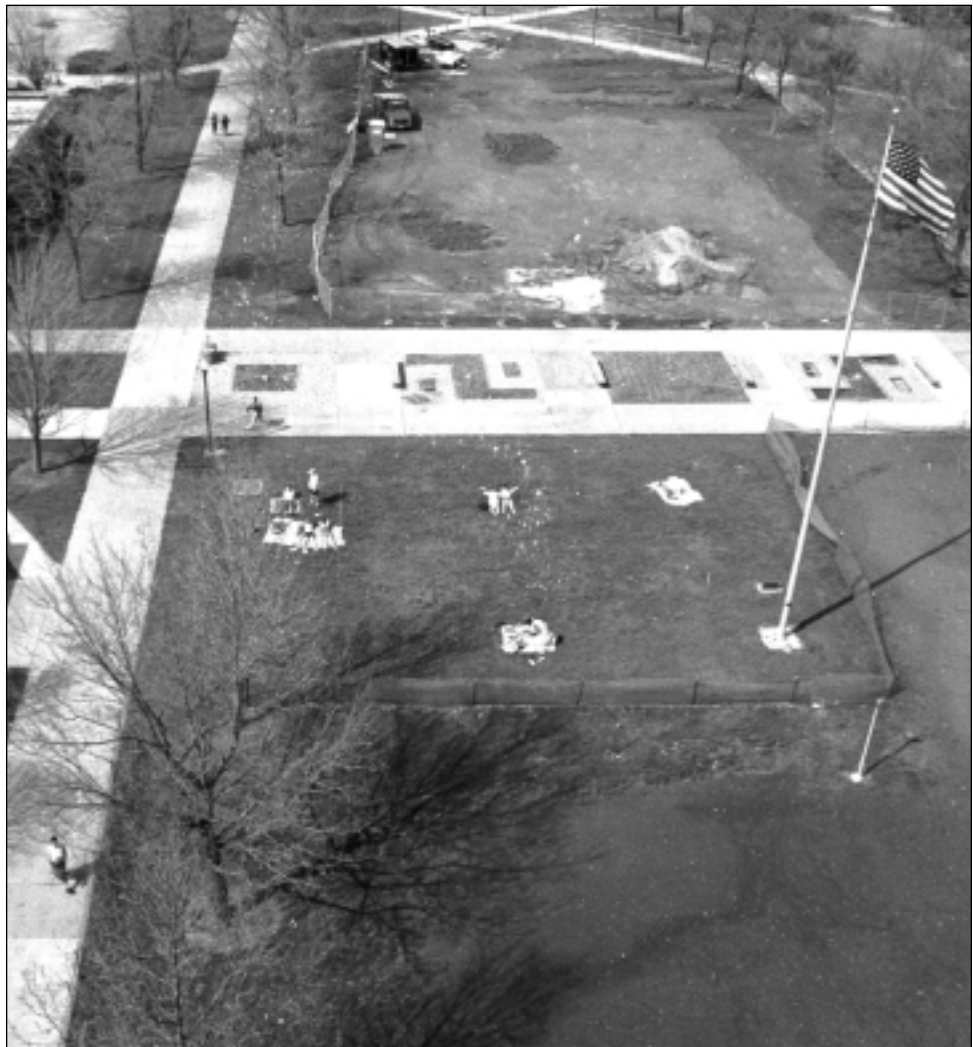
An article titled "Fears and Dreads" from the World Wide Words Web site includes a little history of phobias and lists common phobias.

Most people only know a very few of the more common words formed using the suffix "-phobia." Claustrophobia is a fear of enclosed spaces, from the Latin word "claustrum" meaning "a confined or shut-up space," from which we also derive "cloister," and "close" in the sense of an enclosure, court or quadrangle.

Acophobia is the fear of heights, which is derived from Greek "akros" for a thing that is topmost, or at the tip or extremity of something. One word physically close to the origin is acropolis, literally "upper city", but more normally translated "citadel", as being a structure one usually wishes to place on a commanding height.

to have complete medical and psychiatric evaluations by licensed physicians or psychologists, the "Mental Health Disorders Sourcebook" states. This will allow an accurate

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A fear of heights is a common phobia. The overhead view of the South Quad shown here, would be a nightmare for someone with Acophobia.

Phobia facts

- 7.2 Americans experience clinically significant phobias in a year
- Social phobia occurs in women twice as often as men
- Of agoraphobia sufferers, 75 percent are women
- Of animal phobias, 95 percent are women
- 13 percent of the population have phobias

Weird phobias

- aurophobia- fear of northern lights
- anemophobia- fear of wind
- dextrophobia- fear of objects to the right
- levophobia- fear of objects to the left
- graphophobia- fear of handwriting
- anthopia, anthropobia- fear of flowers

ACT average worries senate

By Scott Miller
Administration editor

Poor academic performance among Eastern students this year became the main focus of the Faculty Senate Tuesday. Because of the issue of having quality students, Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, told the senate "we are closing admissions as of April 30."

In other business, the senate named the two recipients of the Distinguished Faculty Award and approved a nomination for an at-large member to serve on the University Personnel Committee, which evaluates faculty members for tenure.

On Tuesday, Gary Aylesworth, philosophy professor, told the senate that "student performance seems to have dropped off in the lower level this year, especially this semester."

"A number of faculty said they had seen the drop off and many of them had graded easier," he said.

Some faculty are concerned that Eastern is admitting students who do not meet admission requirements, Aylesworth said, which may be the reason student performance is slipping.

According to Eastern's admissions policy, a student must have an ACT score of at least 18, if they are in the top

quarter of their graduating class, and a 19, if in the top half of their class.

However, students may appeal admissions' decision to deny their application. After reviewing the appeal, the university may admit students who have not made the requirements.

Aylesworth said the appeals clause may be overused.

"There was suspicion that we have gone too far and admitted people who wouldn't normally have been admitted," thus lowering academic quality, he said.

To clarify, Aylesworth said "about 7 percent of all freshmen have been admitted with an ACT score lower than 18." In addition, "there was someone admitted with a 10."

Senate member John Best, psychology professor, said "there is no correlation between ACT score and student performance," and the real issue is "getting the most out of the students we have, and teaching them how to perform."

On the April 30 admissions closing, Lord said "we think students who didn't get admitted to the university they wanted to attend applied late." By closing admissions early, students denied admission at other universities will be less able to apply at Eastern.

Anne Zahlan, senate member and

English professor, added "the go-getters will get organized and have material together on time."

Senate Chair Bud Fischer, associate biology professor, asked the senate to delay further discussion on the issue until the fall 2002 semester because the senate has only one meeting left this semester, on April 23.

In other business, the senate named David Carpenter, English professor, and George Sanders, music professor, as winners of the Distinguished Faculty Award.

The nominations, which are made by alumni, students, faculty, staff and administrators, were based on teaching performance, research and creative activity and service such as serving on university and departmental boards and committees.

All nominees had to be tenured or tenure-track faculty in at least their fourth year of full-time employment at Eastern.

Also, the senate accepted the nomination of Rebecca Cook to the University Personnel Committee, which evaluates eligibility of faculty to receive tenure.

The committee needed one at-large candidate, and the slot for that opening was left off ballots during faculty elections.

Newest senate members, execs to be named

By Benjamin Tully
Student Government editor

New Student Senate members and executives will be seated after election results are announced at Wednesday's senate meeting.

Speaker of the Senate Joe Robbins will also deliver his second State of the Senate Address.

For the Students' Voice party, Alison Mormino, a senior political science major, is running unopposed for Student Body President.

Also from Students' Voice Marty Ruhaak, a sophomore history major, is running for vice president for public affairs against independent candidate Skye Brouwer, a biological sciences major.

Amy Leonard, a sophomore political science major, is running with Students' Voice for vice president for financial affairs against Tim Edwards, a junior speech communication major with the Common Sense party.

Ronnie Deedrick, a sophomore political science major, is running on the Students' Voice ticket against Justin Brinkmeyer, a senior geography and technology education major, for the position of vice president for academic affairs.

In other business, the senate will discuss a motion concerning \$14,841 in Apportionment Board reserve money for new equipment in the Student Recreation Center.

The senate will also address a bill calling for senate support of a tuition hike, a bylaw change concerning diversity and a senate resolution concerning a controversy over Illinois Monetary Assistance Program (IMAP) grant monies.

On Monday the Apportionment Board resolved to allocate \$14,841 from the AB reserve account to Sports and Recreation, a move which now needs senate approval. If the bill is passed it will fund an exercise machine, dumbbells and student payroll, among other things.

The item must be tabled for one week according to senate bylaws.

Another motion, if passed, would give senate backing to a 3.5 percent tuition increase to cover losses from severe cuts in state funding. The increase will allow the university to do some deferred maintenance, which helps fund repairs on buildings, filling various faculty and staff positions, and to avoid a decrease in the number of classes.

A bylaw change in conjunction with creating diversity on campus will require every student senator to attend diversity-oriented events on campus.

If passed, the bylaw change would penalize student senate members who do not attend at least one event, program or meeting, per semester, that promotes diversity on campus.

A similar bylaw change passed last semester set the penalty for not fulfilling the requirement as that of missing one committee meeting. The new bylaw changes the penalty to that of missing one senate meeting. In senate attendance bylaws, three committee meetings are equal to one senate meeting, Robbins said.

A senate resolution concerning the need-based IMAP grant will also be discussed. The letter sent to the student senate detailing the where IMAP grants go shows that over half of the state-funded grant money is being awarded to students attending private institutions, which only educate about a third of the state's students.

The intent of the senate resolution is to discourage IMAP grant awards to students of private institutions and to encourage action by Eastern administrators.

The Student Senate meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Arcola/Tuscola room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

— News editor Jamie Fetty con-

Cooperation key to dean's success

Second CEPS candidate stresses open communication

By Scott Miller
Administration editor

The second of four candidates for dean of the College of Educational and Professional studies said Tuesday "deans get nothing done by themselves" while stressing the importance of faculty input.

David England, dean of the College of Education at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, discussed his role as dean during an open session interview on Tuesday. Another open session meeting will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday in room 1501 of Buzzard Hall.

"Pride is a dangerous thing," England replied when asked to comment on achievements at Western Michigan which he was the most proud of.

"I don't think deans do much of anything alone," he said.

If deans are not active listeners to faculty concern, "it can be very easy for a dean to lose his way," England said. He added, "I think public celebration and acknowledgment is very

important and very positive."

At Western Michigan, England wrote in the university's newsletter to "share with the faculty something I've been thinking about or something I've noticed. Not just to criticize but to keep contact."

England also said he would be "looking for ways to create a positive environment to work in."

"We've made it more civil and more collaborative (at Western Michigan)," he said.

One way England accomplished that was through recruitment.

"We have recruited excellent faculty and increased faculty diversity," he said.

England said he would like to create more opportunities for faculty research by finding external funding.

He said he is also very interested in developing a master's degree program for students in the teacher prepara-



John Smith

tion program.

Looking forward to possibly replacing a dean, Elizabeth Hitch, the current dean of the College of Educational and Professional Studies, England said his first priority would be "not to screw up anything that is already working well."

"Dean Hitch has worked well with local schools and has done a good job of bringing together two colleges" that were formed together to create the College of Educational and Professional Studies, he said.

England said he hoped to continue to build ties between the colleges on Eastern's campus as well as relationships with local schools and the community.

Two other candidates will interview for the position. Charles Rohn, associate professor of educational administration at Eastern, will interview on April 22 and 23. Jo-Anne Evans Coleman, vice president for academic and student affairs at Northwestern Health Services University in Bloomington, Minn., visits campus on April 24 and 25.

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New Jersey administrator interviewing for tech job

By Scott Miller
Administration editor

The second search for an assistant vice president for academic affairs for technology brings its third of four candidates to campus for interviews Wednesday and Thursday.

The first search for the new position being established to provide assistance in technology ended in January. Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, said the search would start from scratch because neither of the two previous finalists were fit for Eastern.

On Wednesday, Roy Roper, director of academic computing at Montclair State University in Upper Montclair, N.J., will meet with Lord, the deans and chairs and the university councils and senates to interview for the position. He will also interview with the Center for Academic Technology Services' staff and the Information Technology Services' staff.

Faculty and instructional support specialists will be able to interview Roper at an open-session meeting at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Conference Room 4440 of Booth Library.

On Thursday, Roper will interview with Bob Augustine, interim assistant vice president for academ-

ic affairs for technology and dean of the graduate school.

At Montclair State, Roper is also the associate director of the Office of Information Technologies. He has also been the chief information officer and the dean of information and educational technologies at Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tenn., as well as the assistant director of the School of Life Sciences at the University of Illinois.

Roper received his Ph.D. in social anthropology at Illinois in 1985 and his master's degree in social anthropology in 1978.

At Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan, Roper got his bachelor's degree in social psychology in 1973.

The final candidate for the position, Frank Moore, executive director of information and instructional technology at Longwood College in Farmville, Va., will interview on April 22 and 23.

The first two candidates, Michael Hoadley, director of the Center for Interactive Technologies in Education and Corporations at the University of South Dakota, and David Wang, associate vice president for information technology at Emporia State University, have already interviewed. Hoadley on April 8 and 9, and Wang on April 15 and 16.

Savoring 50 years of success



Colin McAuliffe/Photo editor

The unofficial, "original" Burger King in Mattoon is celebrating its 50th anniversary this week. The restaurant located at 1508 Charleston Ave. will host raffles and offer a different 50-cent special each day.

Mattoon Burger King celebrates historic anniversary

By Steve Butera
Staff writer

What area residents call the "original" Burger King is celebrating its golden anniversary this week. Mattoon's Burger King, which is owned by Gene and Betty Hoots, does not boast popular foods like the whopper, but instead is famous for its "hooters" and ice cream with sugar eyes on top.

The restaurant started off as a soft-serve ice cream shop called "Frigid Queen." However, soon after, the Hoots decided to add sandwiches and other items to their menu so that they would be able to stay open year round, at which time they changed the name, Hoots said.

"I probably would have gotten into farming if the land was available at the time," Gene Hoots said, in reference to how he started in the fast food business.

The rest is history, as Burger King has been a highly frequented mainstay in Mattoon for the last 50 years.

During the course of the anniversary week, they are raffling off five Burger King gift certificates, ranging from \$10 to \$50. In addition, they are also raffling off a television set and "Beanie Babies," as well as putting a different item on sale for 50 cents every day, Hoots said.

Five years after starting Burger King, the Hoots' heard of another restaurant by the same name in

“We’re so grateful for all the friends we’ve made.”

Gene Hoots,
Burger King's part owner

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Skokie. After looking into it further, Hoots said they discovered that the Burger King chain of restaurants had come into existence.

However, when he discovered the chain had a registered license in Illinois for the rights to the name, the Hoots' decided to sue the Burger King Corporation. The case ended up in the Illinois Supreme Court and a ruling was made that there was to be no Burger King franchise within a 20 mile radius of the original restaurant in Mattoon.

Gene and Betty Hoots both seem to be content with the ruling, having enjoyed much success over the years.

“Were so grateful for all the friends we’ve made,” Hoots said.

When the Hoots can no longer run the store, they plan to turn it over to their son, who currently lives in Colorado.

Their son seems to be embracing the idea. Hoots said his son told him that he expects his children to come to the restaurant's 100th anniversary.

Scoring error adds up for math team

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Something just didn't add up after the Iowa State Math Championship.

Hours after finishing third behind Iowa City High and Cedar Falls at the contest at the University of Northern Iowa on Saturday, the West High School team returned to Iowa City to recheck its scores.

Coach Joy Walker said it is something the team routinely does. "Our kids like to talk math," Walker said. "When we got back,

we thought we'd take a peek and see how things added up."

Good thing they did. There was a 60-point scoring error, which meant that West and not City was the champion. Cedar Falls finished third.

Event coordinator Pat Fox said she sensed there might be a problem. West has won the championship the past four years so it seemed strange to see them in third place.

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Dale Whiddon is one of the first troopers driving 200 Chevrolet Camaros that the Florida Highway Patrol is purchasing.

“It’s a fun vehicle, but you still have to be an example to the public,” said Whiddon, who got his Camaro on Friday. “It’s not for joyrides.”

Troopers haven’t had so much fun since the mid-1990s, when the patrol’s final Ford Mustang, another muscle car that went into service as a cruiser in the 1980s, was retired.

Each black and cream Camaro costs \$23,000, about \$2,000 more than a full-size Ford Crown Victoria, the standard cruiser, but it has better performance and resale value, said Lt. Tommy Moore.

The Camaro has a 5.7-liter engine that churns out 310 horsepower and can reach nearly 160 mph. Camaros can hit 100 mph in just under 14 seconds, or 10 seconds quicker than Crown Victorias, in tests by Michigan State Police.

Probe

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said an increase to \$29.79 base pay, per hour, as quoted on the IDOL’s faxes, would be “huge.”

He said if Eastern decided to increase the wage by that much, it would likely have pressured other employers of stationary engineers in Coles County to raise their pay in order to keep employees from leaving and seeking a position at Eastern.

The four-year contract, approved by Eastern’s Board of Trustees on Oct. 15, grants the “lead plant stationary engineer,” the highest paid position, \$26.19 for this year and \$29.15 base pay, per hour by the end of the four-year contract in 2004.

The BOT estimated the additional cost to the university to be an addition of \$136,000 over the life of the contract.

Hurley said the IDOL considers stationary engineers to be the same classification as operating engineers for prevailing wage rate purposes. However, Wayland and Dennis Smith, deputy director of the SUCSS, said the university would be required to use the civil service system’s classification for the negotiations.

While there is a way for employees to

appeal their classifications through the civil service system, Follmer said the SUCSS has not received any such complaints from the union.

He also said the university is not forced to pay a prevailing rate, a wage that is required to be paid to tradesmen working on public projects. He said a public university’s non-academic employees are exempt from the requirement. But he said the SUCSS is supposed to honor the “principle” of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act.

Follmer said the SUCSS will accept the prevailing wage as what the negotiation between the two parties determines it to be.

“If (the agreement) is two or three dollars over or under the prevailing rate we find that perfectly acceptable,” he said.

Discussions between a public university, the SUCSS and a negotiating union is “not unusual,” Follmer said.

“We listened to what (the union and Eastern) had to say and encouraged them to go back to the bargaining table,” he said about the SUCSS involvement in the negotiations.

The IELRB’s involvement in the negotiations may stem from a grievance that the union filed with the board shortly after its contract with the university expired in June of 2000. The grievance stated the university was not bargaining in good faith because

it would not offer a prevailing wage to the union.

Wayland has said the complaint was deemed to have enough merit by IELRB investigator to go before an administrative law judge, but before a hearing was held the union dropped the complaint after a contract was reached in September of 2001.

The board, whose members include Janis Cellini, a Local 399 lobbyist, and Michael Gavin, the union’s vice president, never provided Eastern proof that a prevailing wage needed to be offered, or what the wage should have been, Wayland has said.

It is not clear why the IBHE is involved in the situation, but Righter said he contacted Sanders after he found out Madigan was contacting Eastern. He said he asked Sanders to make sure nothing improper was going on, and Righter said Sanders “didn’t make any promises.”

Follmer said he had no idea why the IBHE would be involved in the negotiations. He also said the SUCSS had no contact with the IDOL, IELRB, IBHE or Madigan about the negotiations.

He said the SUCSS has “no idea” why the federal investigation is taking place, and he said the IELRB officials he talked with at the hearing April 5 “had no idea either.”

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Tennis teams learn lessons before OVC tourney

Raymond Keeler
Staff writer

With just a few days remaining before the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament, the men's and women's tennis teams are hoping to rebound after two losses over the weekend.

While the teams were hoping for a momentum builder heading into the final weekend of competition, instead the women took losses against the University of

Missouri (6-1) and Syracuse University (7-0).

The women (8-8) will now have to take those matches as a learning experience as they head in to the Ohio Valley Conference Championships.

"Everyone played really well," senior Kristi Martin said. "It gave us a lot of confidence going into conference."

The two losses aren't exactly the way head coach Brian Holzgrafe wanted to finish the season, but he is still pleased with the overall performance of the women.

"When you go, and you are humbled and you go into those matches, you learn," Holzgrafe said.

"You can now go out and use that. You take a little bit of that back with you - it was key."

The men are coming off of two defeats against Murray State (7-0) and Valparaiso University (3-4). After winning four consecutive contests, the men's record has fallen to 7-9 on a four-match slide.

"My guys are without last year's No. 1, this year's No. 1," Holzgrafe said.

Both C.J. Weber and Lukasz Pluta are both out of competition temporarily.

The men and women will now travel to Nashville, Tenn. where Tennessee State will host the OVC tournament.

The men are in the bottom half of the bracket with a No. 6 seed and will match up against Tennessee- Martin.

The women will enjoy a No. 4 seed and face Morehead State.

"We beat Morehead soundly," Holzgrafe said of the women's team. "Let's do it again."

Errors

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Eastern (12-16) tagged Illinois ace and "co-Big Ten Pitcher of the Week" Andy Dickinson for four hits and two earned runs, forcing the lefty to make an early exit.

Illinois answered with a run in the top of the second and scored one run in each of the next four innings.

However, only one run was earned.

"You take away the errors and it's a 2-1 ball game, and we win," Schmitz said. "You can't beat a team like Illinois with that many mistakes."

The Panthers took a 4-1 lead after three innings, but failed to score in the rest of the game.

Eastern turned around its defen-

sive woes in the eighth and ninth innings.

The Panthers got out of a one-out, bases-loaded jam in the eighth inning when junior Nathan Stone came into pitch in relief of senior Nick Albu.

Stone got Illinois cleanup hitter Patrick Arliss to ground into a taylor-made 6-4-3 double play.

In the ninth, senior first baseman Brian Nickell turned an unassisted inning-ending double play to provide what could've been a momentum swing for the bottom of the ninth.

"We just couldn't get it done," Schmitz said.

"They've got a really good closer in (Dave Mazurek). He's got a nasty slider that we just couldn't hit."

The Panthers left nine men stranded on the basepaths - the Illini had 11 left on base.

Guerrero leads Expos over Cubs, 8-4

MONTREAL (AP) - Vladimir Guerrero homered twice and had four RBIs - including a run-scoring single to cap Montreal's five-run fourth inning - to lead the Expos to an 8-4 win over the Chicago Cubs on Tuesday night.

Guerrero homered on an 0-2

pitch from Juan Cruz (0-3) with two outs in the first and hit an RBI single to chase Cruz with two outs in the fourth. He added a two-run shot to right off Jesus Sanchez in the sixth for his fourth homer of the season and 14th career multi-homer game.

Masato Yoshii (2-1) retired the

first 10 batters he faced and allowed three hits and one run in five innings. T.J. Tucker got four outs for his first save in front of a season-low crowd of 4,486 at Olympic Stadium.

Jose Vidro hit a two-run single in the fourth as the Expos scored five unearned runs with two outs.

Bloomquist

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On paper, Illinois' ace, Andy Dickinson, should've extinguished any hopes of a Panther upset from the start of the game.

Instead, Eastern torched Dickinson with four hits and three runs. But errors got the better of the Panthers and set their fate.

If the small-town Panthers would've upset the well-to-do Illini Tuesday, it would've been an upset John Mellencamp songs are

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Purdue is the next Big Ten giant awaiting the Panthers, and new wars will wage then.

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Standings still shift before OVC tourney

Softball teams hope league play will benefit tourney spot

By Matt Williams
Staff writer

With just a few weekends remaining in the Ohio Valley Conference softball season, teams are starting to position themselves in the hunt for the conference championship.

Among the leaders are preseason favorites Eastern Kentucky (24-9, 10-2) and Tennessee Tech (25-19, 8-3), but Tennessee-Martin has been the surprise team this season with a current hold on second place.

The Skyhawks (21-22, 10-3), who finished last season in last place with an overall record of 9-45, were picked to finish eighth this season, but strong pitching has helped them compete with the top teams in the conference.

Tennessee-Martin junior pitcher Kendra Kosco and freshman pitcher Nicole Davis have been the key to the Skyhawks' success.

Kosco earned OVC Pitcher of the Week honors this week after going 3-0 and only allowing three runs on seven hits. She is also currently in second for strikeouts with 142.

Eastern head coach Lloydene Searle is not completely surprised with this turnaround.

She believes that they are a talented team and that first-year coach Donley Canary allowed them to play up to their potential.

The Panthers (14-16, 6-7) have also been fighting for position as of late. Eastern has won four of its last five games and is playing some of their best softball of the season.

"We are on schedule to do some of the things that we want to do," Searle said. "We are getting

Softball Standings		
	OVC	Overall
Eastern Kentucky	10-2	24-9
Tennessee-Martin	10-3	21-22
Tennessee Tech	8-3	25-19
Eastern Illinois	6-7	14-16
Morehead State	5-8	9-24
Southeast Missouri	5-9	8-21
Austin Peay	3-7	14-27
Tennessee State	3-11	9-25

more consistent offensively every game."

The offensive production has been picked up by everyone, including sophomore infielder Kristin Lovering.

Lovering went 7-for-14 in five games with five RBI, earning OVC Player of the Week honors.

"It's nice to see those accolades," Searle said.

"It was really a feather in her cap to get Player of the Week."

There are several key matchups this week that could help to solidify conference positions for the May 2 start of the tournament.

The most important battle this weekend will be at the No. 2 standings between in-state rivals Tennessee Tech and Tennessee-Martin.

The teams will meet twice on Saturday and once again on Sunday.

Eastern will also have an important series this weekend, traveling to Eastern Kentucky.

The Panthers currently sit 4 1/2 games back of the first-place Colonels and will need more victories to stay in the conference hunt.



Colin McAuliffe/ Photo editor

Tennessee State's second baseman catches the ball while a Panther waits on second base. The softball standings continue to adjust as the season approaches tournament action.

Top teams aren't out of reach for underdogs

By Nate Bloomquist
Sports editor

Eastern isn't the only favored team to get off to a slow start in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Austin Peay, the preseason favorite to win the conference has also struggled to live up to its expectations.

The Governors (17-18, 3-3 in the OVA) are currently in third place in the league, two and half games behind league leader Southeast Missouri State (17-13, 7-2).

Austin Peay has lost four of its last five games, including two to Eastern.

The Panthers are tied with the Governors, but head coach Jim Schmitz said he feels the team is in good position to make a move in the conference. And the players have the confidence to get there.

"We've got everyone right where we want them," Panther senior third baseman Ben Duke said Monday.

League-leading SEMO has won four straight and are powered by the OVC's second-best pitching staff (5.12 ERA). The Panthers have the

league's best staff with a combined 4.65 ERA.

The surprise of the conference is Eastern Kentucky. With a record of 6-6 in the league, the Colonels have tripled their total of league wins from last season. Eastern Kentucky swept a three-game series with seventh-place Murray State.

"They've really turned things around," Panther head coach Jim Schmitz said. Eastern Kentucky took two of three from the Panthers in a three-game series last month.

The Colonels' aggressive offensive attack has made all the difference. Eastern Kentucky is batting .283 as a team, the fourth-best in the league.

In addition to a four-game win streak, SEMO also has both this week's OVC Offensive Player of the Week and "Pitcher of the Week."

Sophomore Brice Nicholas, who batted .529, is the OVC Player of the Week.

Junior southpaw Tim Alvarez struck out eight batters last week, posted a 1.54 ERA and held opponents to a .231 batting average.

Second-place Morehead State

Baseball Standings		
	OVC	Overall
Southeast Missouri	7-2	17-13
Morehead State	6-3	18-15
Austin Peay	3-3	17-18
Eastern Illinois	4-4	12-15
Eastern Kentucky	6-6	9-23
Murray State	4-5	11-18
Tennessee Tech	2-4	17-16
Tennessee-Martin	3-8	11-22

had a bye week in conference play, but split a two-game series with Toledo and won 9-4 over NAIA Cumberland College early last week. The Eagles (18-15, 6-3) have won six of their last seven games and have the league's best offense. Morehead batters have a combined .344 average with 77 home runs – more than double the total of the Panthers, who are No. 2 in that category.

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Friday: M/W track at Pacesetter Invite
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Out of Bounds



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Everything is equal in baseball

Baseball is an equalizer and that's part of what makes it so great.

On paper, Eastern doesn't stand a chance against Illinois in almost anything.

It showed during basketball season when the Panthers were 40-point losers to Illinois at Assembly Hall.

Notre Dame, similar in size and money to Illinois, shut down the women's soccer team 2-0 in the NCAA tournament while Arizona swept a three-game match over Eastern in volleyball.

But baseball is different.

All the David and Goliaths are left at the gate.

Eastern can always compete with the Mississippi and Florida States of the baseball world.

Simplicity rules in baseball.

The battles are small. Hitter vs. pitcher, infielder vs. baserunner, coach vs. umpire – the battles fought one at a time during any game.

Many times throughout the course of a game, the underdog comes out on top.

When Illinois played Eastern Tuesday at Coaches' Stadium, all bets were off.

"We told the players about that before the game. We respect Eastern's program a lot, we don't have seven Kodak All-stars here or any All-American quarterbacks on this team and neither do they," said Illinois head coach Richard "Itch" Jones, who has seen many battles in his 33 years of coaching.

On paper, Illinois vs. Eastern would've been a pitchers' duel with plenty of sportscaster-worthy fielding highlights.

But instead, the teams traded errors.

Eastern had five errors and four base running mistakes, while the Illini had four fielding errors and grounded into two late-inning double plays.

The Panthers played a completely different brand of ball than the kind that allowed them to err on the side of caution and take two of three from Austin Peay.

Panthers fall with nine errors



Colin McAuliffe/ Photo editor

Junior Aaron Shelbourne gets picked off of first base by Illini Andy Schutzenhofer in Eastern's 5-4 loss to Illinois Tuesday.

Ugly game turns in Illini favor, 5-4

By Nate Bloomquist
Sports editor

The Panther baseball team was duped by a stat that was nowhere to be found in the box score in a 5-4 loss to Illinois Tuesday.

The Panthers had four base running errors and five fielding errors in the non-conference game at Coaches' Stadium.

"At times it looked like we didn't know what we were doing," Panther head coach Jim Schmitz said. "We had more base running blunders than we've had all year. I'm just glad we play again tomorrow and not next week."

The Illini (19-9) didn't have much to brag about on the field either. Illinois had four defensive

miscues.

"It wasn't a picturesque game on either side by any means," Illinois head baseball coach Richard "Itch" Jones said. "We were just happy to get out of here with a win."

Illinois reliever Justin Olson (3-1) took the win. He allowed one unearned run on five hits in five innings of work. Panther junior Matt Tyson (2-2) took the loss in one inning of work. He allowed one hit and one unearned run.

The Panthers jumped out ahead early with a pair of runs in the bottom of the first inning. They scored two runs off three singles and a walk.

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Top Cat

"I'm real competitive, and that's what motivates me with everything I do. I don't lose at anything."

More than one option on the mound

Sanders combines with Becker for powerful one-two punch in OVC

Editor's note: Top Cat is a weekly series taking an in-depth look at Eastern's top athlete from the previous week. Winners are selected just once. Selection is made by The Daily Eastern News sports staff.

By Matt Williams

Staff writer

Junior pitcher Kristen Becker has already received recognition for being one of the top pitchers in the Ohio Valley Conference, but behind every ace is a No. 2 pitcher.

Sophomore Trish Sanders provides the Panthers with a second option on the mound and gives Eastern head coach Lloydene Searle one of the better one-two pitching combos in the OVC.

Last week, Sanders won two conference games by shutting out Southeast Missouri State 6-0 and holding Tennessee State to a 4-1 game. She had a combined 0.48 earned run average in 14 2/3 innings of work.

And the Sacred Heart Griffin High School product from Springfield gave up only one run on 10 hits while striking out 10 batters.

This was enough for Sanders to be named this week's Top Cat athlete.

Searle feels Sanders has done an excellent job this season and has started to show what she is capable of doing. She added that Sanders' focus and concentration has helped her to really start locating her pitches, enabling her to be more effective.

Sanders (4-6) has already accomplished one more win than she had all last season and continues to show improvement with experience.

"It's been a real process," Sanders said. "I have had to work hard to get on top of batters and (I'm) learning to do that throughout the game. The coaches have worked really hard on that."

A large reason for Sanders' recent success is her will to learn and listen to what

coaches and teammates have to say.

"I think she listens and takes everything in," Searle said.

"I cannot remember a time when I haven't had her complete attention."

Searle also believes that junior catcher Kristin Darnell has played a big role in developing Sanders' skills.

"We brought Kristin Darnell aside to tell her that her No. 1 goal was to get the best out of Trish," Searle said.

"She worked really hard to make this effective," she said.

With both Becker and Sanders, Eastern is able to come at teams with two different pitching styles. Sanders describes Becker as more of a down and out pitcher while she is more of a rise-ball pitcher.

"My rise ball inside is my baby," Sanders said. "That's what I live and die by."

Like most athletes, Sanders hates to lose. Her competitive nature and will to win is what drives her performance on the mound.

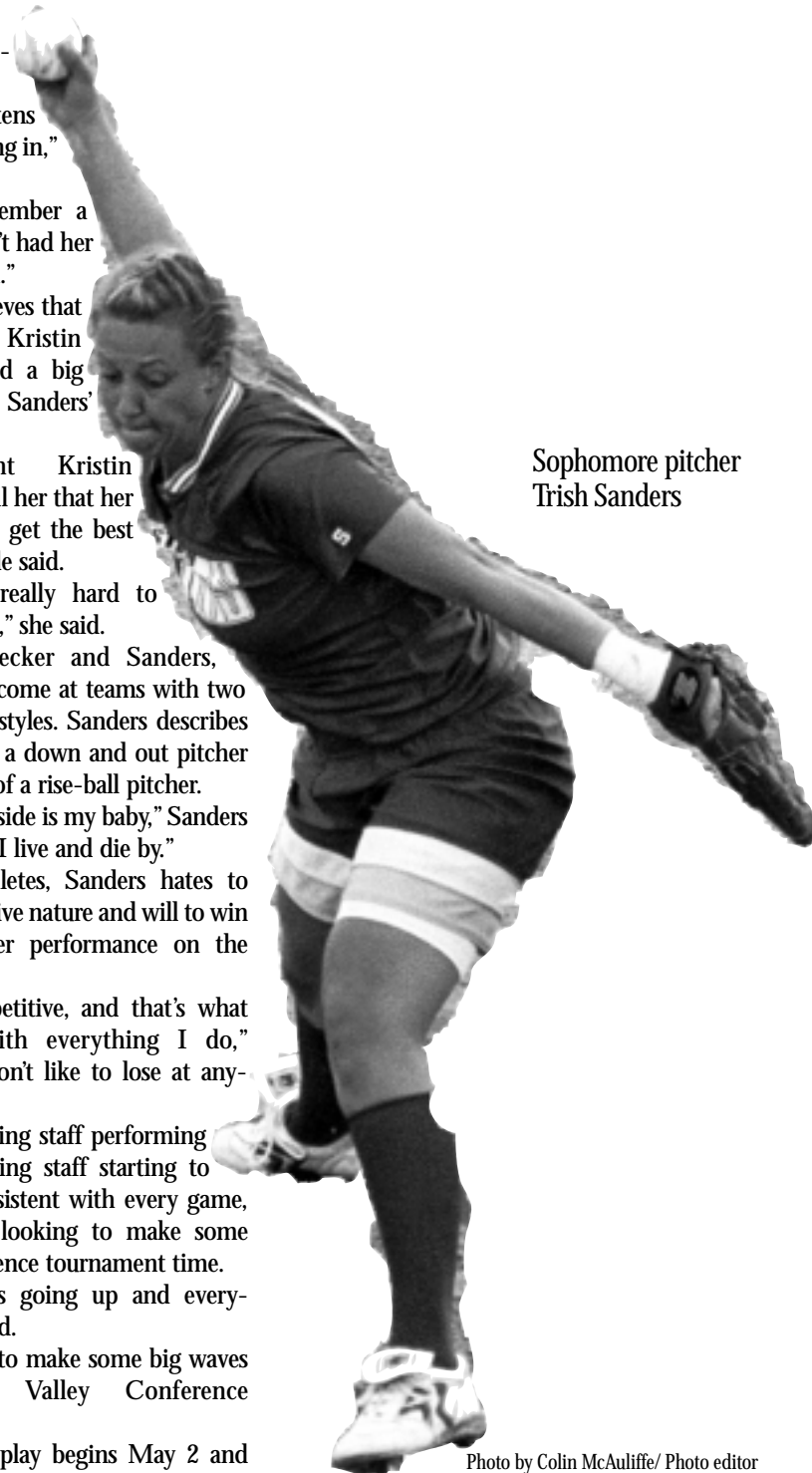
"I'm real competitive, and that's what motivates me with everything I do," Sanders said. "I don't like to lose at anything."

With the pitching staff performing well, and the hitting staff starting to become more consistent with every game, the Panthers are looking to make some noise come conference tournament time.

"Our hitting is going up and everything," Sanders said.

"We are going to make some big waves at the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament."

Tournament play begins May 2 and will be hosted by the league's No. 1 seed.



Sophomore pitcher
Trish Sanders

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